

ROBERT MONTGOMERY SR.



Robert Montgomery Sr. was born January 7, 1825, in Ireland.

He went to Scotland and married Mary Rogers Loury on March 1, 1846. She died January 10, 1863, in Heber City.

Mary Rogers Loury was born in Scotland on April 25, 1830. Seven children were born to them: Agnes, Sarah, Mary, Robert, Livingston, Elizabeth, Christine. Two children by two later marriages were: Josephine Booth and John L. Horrocks.

Robert Montgomery Sr. was the seventh child of Robert Montgomery and Agnes Shepherd. He was born January 7, 1825, in Churchtown, Ireland. At what age he entered the British army is not known, but at the age of 15 years he left the army and went to Scotland. Records show that at the age of 22, Robert Montgomery married Mary Rogers Loury. Robert was listed as being from Don Donald Parish, Ireland, and Mary gave her home town as Sanquiver Parish, Ayrshire, Scotland. The date was March 1, 1846.

During the winter of 1846, Robert and Mary joined the Mormon Church. Robert was called to preside over the Ayrshire District. To provide for an ever-increasing family, Robert worked in the mines in various capacities. Since this work was proving very

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detrimental to his health, he decided to emigrate to Utah, which he did in 1861.

He crossed the ocean on the ship "Underwriter," with 624 LDS members aboard. Nulo Andrus, Homer Duncan, and C. N. Penrose were in charge of the group. The ship arrived at New York at Castle Gardens on May 22, 1861. June 2, 1861, found him at Florence, Nebraska, and on September 21, 1861, he arrived among friends in Heber City, Utah. There he proceeded to plan for the coming of his family. During the time he was building a home he lived with the following families: Thomas Nicols, James Laird, Thomas Todd, Jesse Bond, David Stevenson and John McKechney. Robert worked as a pioneer cabinet maker. He made the desk that was used in the old tithing office at Heber City.

Mary Rogers Loury was born at Witlets Toll, Scotland, on April 25, 1830, 19 days after the organization of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Mary and her seven children sailed on May 14, 1862, on the "Tapscott" from Liverpool. Francis M. Lyman, John Clark and William Gibson were in charge of the company. They arrived in New York and went by train to the Missouri River, where they joined the Homer Duncan company. This company left Florence, Nebraska, on July 24, 1862, and arrived in Salt Lake City on September 22, 1862.

Robert and his family were reunited only to be permanently separated on January 10, 1863, by the death of Robert. He was at this time 38 years and 3 days old. Mary, age 32, was left with seven children to face the dreary winter and years ahead. The family of Robert and Mary Montgomery are: Agnes, Sarah, Mary, Robert, Livingston, Christine, Josephine and John L. This was the humble start of the Montgomery family in Wasatch County. Subsequently Mary remarried. Mary Montgomery died July 2, 1904, at the age of 74 years, at Heber City, Utah.

*She was a
Singer-entertainer*